

## **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI COMMEMORATES NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK**

**SACRAMENTO - Lt. Governor John Garamendi issued the following statement regarding National Health Center Week:**

**"More than six million of our fellow Californians live without health insurance, struggling each day to survive, teetering on the brink of financial ruin. Amongst a very broken health care system, California's Community Clinics and Health Centers are our golden safety nets ensuring affordable health coverage for all Californians -- providing preventative primary care service to more than 3.5 million low-income, uninsured and underinsured patients each and every day throughout our great State.**

**"This week, as we celebrate the important work of our 700 California clinics and health centers, they are struggling to pay bills and continue operating because of the state budget stalemate. Without the critical Medi-Cal reimbursements they need to survive, our safety nets inch that much closer to closing their doors to California's most vulnerable populations.**

**"On the occasion of National Health Center Week, I urge all Californians to join me in praising and thanking California's Community Clinics and Health Centers for the hard work they do to keep California healthy."**

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